

## **November 28**

**1698** Louis De Baude Comte de Pallnau Count de Frontenac died. Count Frontenac was the first governor of New France, now Canada. He served from 1672 to 1682 and 1689 to 1698. In 1929, George B. Woods constructed a new subdivision at Speode and Conway Roads. He named it after Count Frontenac.

**1776** Doctor Auguste Conde died at St. Louis. He was the first physician to live here permanently. Before coming to St. Louis, he served as the post surgeon at Fort Chartres. His home stood where the parking lot for the Old Cathedral is today.

**1861** Missouri was admitted to the Confederacy, as the Congress of the Confederate States recognized the actions of the pro-southern government headed by ousted governor Claiborne Jackson in Neosho. The rebel legislature was roundly ignored in the North.

**1901** Reverend Moses Dickson died. In August 1846, he founded the Knights of Liberty in St. Louis. The secret organization planned a national revolution to end slavery. He was active in the Underground Railroad and helped found the school that became Lincoln University. In 1871, Dickson organized the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, a society dedicated to advancing African-Americans.

**1906** A pre-dawn fire at the Salvation army Hotel at Ninth and Marker left ten people dead and 14 injured. The high toll was blamed on the fact that the doors were locked after the hotel's 250 beds were filled. Dozens jumped to safety into nets held by firemen.

**1913** Mayor Henry Kiel ordered his secretary to make sure none of his office visitors smoked cigarettes, which he derided as "coffin nails." Kiel was a cigar smoker. He was known to ask people to put out their "paper coated pills." He would then hand the offender a cigar and admonish them to "smoke like a man."

**1926** As it neared its first anniversary, KMOX was broadcasting an appeal for presents to be placed under the "Radio Christmas Tree" for the poor. A dozen crystal radio sets were the first gifts received. A little girl from Texas wrote that she was sending her doll.

**1927** After a few days quiet, the bloody bootleggers war here flared anew. Several men in a speeding car unloaded on the owner of a fruit store as he stood in his doorway. The seventh victim in the last month, he was a well-known bootlegger.

**1931** The President of Union Electric promised development of hotels and resorts "on a grand scale" at the newly created Lake of the Ozarks. Louis Egan pledged that UE would make the lake "the finest and best-known playland in the Middle West."

**1939** "Black Tuesday" changed St. Louis forever. A cloud of black smoke covered downtown. The streetlights were on at noon, traffic was snarled and visibility was near zero. Mayor Dickmann's secretary, Raymond Tucker, led the battle to put together a coalition of businesses and city leaders to tackle the problem. A tough anti-smoke

ordinance was passed in 1940. Tucker earned a reputation for tackling the city's problems head on, and would be elected mayor in 1953.

**1945** Dwight Davis, a former St. Louisan who served as Secretary of War under Calvin Coolidge and Governor General of the Philippines under Herbert Hoover, died at his Washington home. As St. Louis Parks Director, he donated his salary to ensure the success of the public tennis courts at Forest Park. He donated the Davis Cup for a match between the U.S. and Britain in 1901.

**1959** The St. Louis University Billikens took the championship at the first NCAA men's soccer playoffs.

**1964** The Big Red used the 12th pick in the NFL draft to select quarterback Joe Namath of Alabama. But the Cardinals lost a bidding war to the New York Jets. Namath signed a three-year-deal for an unheard of \$427,000. St. Louis fans complained that the Bidwell family, the Big Red owners, was cheap.

**1966** Former vice-president Nixon, now chairman of the Boys Clubs of America, was here to present August A. Busch with the group's highest award. It was a thank you for the gift of the site of Old Busch Stadium at Grand and Dodier for the Herbert Hoover Boys Club.

**1967** A group of St. Louisans applied to the Board of Public Service for permission to moor a World War Two minesweeper on the riverfront as a tourist attraction. The USS Inaugural sank during the flood of 1993, after it tore loose from its moorings.

**1980** Bud Wilkenson was fired as coach of the football Cardinals. Larry Wilson was named as interim coach for the remaining three weeks of the season.

**1987** Susan Saarinen, the daughter of the man who designed the Arch, made her first visit to the monument. Her comment: "Thank you Daddy." Saarinen designed the Arch in 1948, but died in 1961, before he could see his dream realized.

**2003** DNA tests proved that Charles Lindbergh led a double life for nearly 20 years. The tests showed the Dyrk and David Hesshaimer and their sister Astrid Bouteuil were Lindbergh's children. The married Lindbergh carried on a romance with Brigitte Hesshaimer of Munich from 1957 until his death in 1974. He had six children with his wife, Anne Morrow Lindbergh.